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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, District of Columbia

Sir:

In response to the Office Action Summary mailed on 9/9/04, kindly amend the patent application, Bottom Fish Rig as follows using the paragraphs enumerated in the United States Patent Application Publication No.: US 2004/0107629 A1

Abstract

The abstract had numerous changes, especially the addition of the numbers in the figures to the corresponding parts. Some other additions and deletions were made as follows:

BOTTOM FISH RIG

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present embodiment of the invention relates to a bottom fish rig 12 for use in connection with fishing tackle. The bottom fish rig 12 has particular utility in connection with fishing tackle having a strong leader 13 with a notable new removable sliding c-weight 25 and a horizontal unilateral three pronged hook 41 that resists snagging and reduces possible injuries. A horizontal unilateral three pronged hook 41 differs from the standard treble hook by having all three barbs oriented upwards in a 180 degree plane and that the horizontal unilateral three pronged hook 41 is designed to lie flat on the surface.

To attain this, the present embodiment of the invention essentially comprises an elongated leader 12 having a hook end 14 and a line end 16. The hook end 14 having a leader hook loop 18 and the leader line end 16 having a leader line loop 20. A first movement stop 22 split shot is crimped in front of a leader line loop 20 to the leader 13. A second movement stop 24 split shot is crimped to the leader 13 about two-thirds of the length. A sliding c-weight 25 is connected to the leader 13 in this area. The c-weight 25 has a first end 28 having a first bore 30 with an external c-weight first slot 32 on one side and a second end 34 having a